

# **Higher Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program**

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**FY 1997**

**Higher Education Programs  
Science and Education Resources Development  
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**August 1997**

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## **FISCAL YEAR 1997 PROGRAM SUMMARY**

**The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs and authorized by section 815 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996 (7 USC 3241), is a new competitive grants programs designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI's) to carry out education programs that attract, retain, and produce outstanding graduate students capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. Projects may involve individual institutions, consortia or HSI's, or cooperative initiatives between two (2) or more HSI's or with other colleges and universities, units of government, or the private sector.**

**Only Hispanic-Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for grants under this program. An eligible 2 or 4 year college or university must: (1) have at least 25 percent Hispanic student enrollment and meet other eligibility criteria, and (2) Curricula Design, Materials Development, or Library Resources, (3) Instruction Delivery Systems, (4) Scientific Instrumentation for teaching, (5) Student Experiential Learning, and (6) Student Recruitment and Retention (including financial assistance).**

**In Fiscal Year (FY) 97, \$1,440,000 were available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching, (2) Curricula Design, materials Development, or Library Resources, (3) Instruction Delivery Systems, (4) Scientific Instrumentation for teaching, (5) Student Experiential Learning, and (6) Student Recruitment and Retention (including financial assistance).**

**A total of 23 different institutions from 9 states submitted 29 proposals for consideration for funding for this first year of the program. In June 1997, the grant applications were evaluated by a 11 member peer review panel. The panel was comprised of faculty members of land-grant and nonland-grant universities, private industry, and representatives of the Federal government. Panelists represented various academic areas including business, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences, and closely allied disciplines. Funds were available to support a total of 13 grants based on the peer review deliberations.**

**The following chart presents information on the grants awarded under the FY 1997 Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program.**

## **INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED**

<b>PROPOSAL NUMBER</b>	<b>PROJECT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTION</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDS AWARDED</b>
9704203	Patrick Harrington Agriculture Program Central Arizona College	Encouraging Retention in Agriculture Through Enhancing the Curriculum	\$ 98,100
9704188	Laura Calderon Department of Health & Nutritional Sciences  California State University	A University Nutritional Science Program Development Enhancement Project	\$ 89,935
9704209	Linda Wells Department of Biology California State University - Bakersfield	Development of an Agricultural Concentration in Biology	\$ 89,937
9704207	William Cochran Office of Instructions Porterville College	Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program	\$ 28,600
9704191	Glenn Doolittle, Jr. International Business Coordinator Rancho Santiago College	Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program	\$179,980
9704189	Philip L. Rouse Dean of Alamosa Campus Trinidad State Junior College	High Desert Aquaculture Using Aquifer's, High Technology, and Innovative Training	\$ 89,995
9704198	Allan Rossmore School of Business and Technology Miami-Dade Community College	An Internet-Based Multimedia Laboratory Manual for Biological Engineering	\$ 89,996
9704216	R. Barry King Environmental Technology Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute	The PPACT Project: A Partnership to Promote Agricultural Careers and Training	\$178,683

9704206	Jose A. Rivera Office of Graduate Studies University of New Mexico	Strengthening the Skills Component of Integrated Resources Management Curricula	\$ 90,000
9704195	Salvatore Martino Division of Academic Affairs Eugenio Maria De Hostos Community College	The Hostos-Lehman Collaborative Dietetic Technician Program	\$150,000
9704217	Yma Lopez Interamerican University of Puerto Rico	Student Recruitment and Retention in Agribusiness Technology	\$ 89,919
9704193	Richard Whipple Technical-Vocational Programs Southwest Texas Junior College	SWTJC: Educating for 21st Century Agriculture “Strengthening Agricultural Management Program Through Internet Integration”	\$ 88,895
9704204	Gary L. McBryde Department of Agronomy & Resource Sciences Texas A&M University - Kingsville	Meeting the Needs of South Texas Food Marketing	\$180,000

**FY 1997 Higher Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program  
Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions**

<u>State</u>	<u>Lead Institution</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Arizona	Central Arizona College	\$ 98,100
California	California State University	89,935
California	California State University	89,937
California	Porterville College	28,600
California	Rancho Santiago College	179,980
Colorado	Trinidad State Junior College	89,995
Florida	Miami-Dade Community College	89,996
New Mexico	Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute	178,683
New Mexico	University of New Mexico	90,000
New York	Eugenio Maria De Hostos Community College	150,000
Puerto Rico	Interamerican University of Puerto Rico	89,919
Texas	Southwest Texas Junior College	88,895
Texas	Texas A&M University - Kingsville	<u>180,000</u>
		\$ 1,444,040